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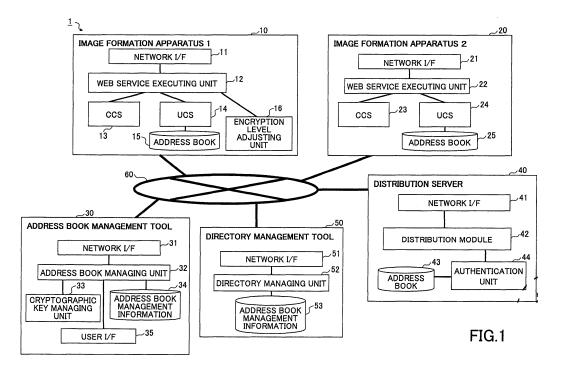
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- (54) Information management system, information processor, and information management method
- (57) An information management system 1, information processors 10, 20, and an information management method are disclosed. The information management system includes the information processors, and an information management apparatus 30 that are connected

through a network 60. One of the information processors adjusts a level of encryption of information that consists of two or more items having different security levels according to predetermined credibility, when storing the information in the information management apparatus.





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